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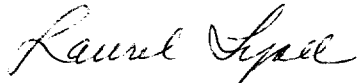
Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in regards to an unfortunate factory farm practice in the United States called the forced molting of laying hens. In forced molting, feed is withheld for several days to cause the laying hens to produce more eggs.

This practice is not only inhumane, but also increases the occurrence of the food-borne pathogen, salmonella enteritidis, that causes serious illness to humans.

Any such practices to increase one's revenue that is inhumane to animals and causes illness to people, should be banned. Finally, it's becoming well known that responsible, humane husbandry improves food safety for consumers.

Sincerely yours,

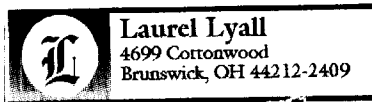


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